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Democracy & Governance Sector PROJECT PROFILE

Elections Administration Program

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Ministry of Interior and IFES program staff cooperate in producing a training video for Jordanian polling staff.

PROJECT SNAPSHOT

Implemented by: International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES)

Duration: 2010 – 2013

Total Funding: \$4 million

Beneficiaries: Voters, and government officials

Geographic Coverage: Nationwide

<http://www.ifes.org/countries/Jordan.aspx>

BACKGROUND

The overall objective of this program is to achieve King Abdullah II's vision of ensuring transparent and credible elections. This is achieved through exposing a wide group of Jordanian election administrators to different international models of election administration and reform and by developing training programs and training materials for Ministry of Interior staff involved in election administration.

The program integrates international and Jordanian experience to support and develop electoral processes that comply with international standards and best practices for electoral management.

ACTIVITIES

- Conducting a comprehensive election training program based on the internationally recognized election curriculum called BRIDGE (Building Resources in Democracy, Governance and Elections)
- Exposing Jordanian election administrators to best practices for elections through study tours and exchanges with international election management bodies
- Supporting the development of training programs and training materials for election managers and polling staff
- Providing expert advice on various election management topics, including the establishment of an Independent Election Commission, and the Election Law

PROGRESS & ACHIEVEMENTS

- Conducted BRIDGE training sessions for more than 800 staff members from the Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Municipal Affairs, and Ministry of Political Development; nine staff members received full accreditation as BRIDGE facilitators
- Assisted with the development and printing of more than 14,000 copies of the procedures manual for polling staff, 2,000 copies of an operations manual for heads of electoral districts, 6,000 copies of an election training video, and 1,000 copies of regulations for domestic and international election observers



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Ministry of Interior staff participate in an active training session as part of the BRIDGE – Building Resources in Democracy, Governance and Elections – Curriculum.



- Provided technical expertise and held workshops for government officials and various stakeholders on the establishment of an Independent Election Commission
- Provided expert advice on the draft election law.

PARTNERS

- International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES)
- Ministry of Interior
- Ministry of Political Development
- Ministry of Municipal Affairs

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